



ECTS Handbook

Incoming Students

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Part 2

History

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A: THE DEPARTMENT

The History Department was recently rated the best in the UK in a survey by the Sunday Times, a major British newspaper. The Department has a very strong record in terms of student satisfaction, and an international reputation for research excellence. The department presently comprises some 50 Assistant Professor, Associate Professor and Professors, and a number of research associates and part-time lecturers.

The Department is located close to the Norman cathedral and castle which together form a World Heritage Site. The main University lecture halls are a short walk away, the main University Library is at a walking distance of ten to fifteen minutes.

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B: DEGREE PROGRAMMES OFFERED

The History Department offers the Honours degree *History BA (Hons)*.

The Department also participates in Joint Honours degrees with the Departments of Classics and English and the School for Modern Languages and Cultures, and offers teaching as part of two Combined Honours programmes.

B1: Degree Structure

All degrees at Durham have a modular structure, consisting of five modules each year for three years (with some modules weighted as double modules). First-year modules and third year single modules are usually studied over all three terms of the teaching year; second year modules, known as 'short fat modules', are clustered into one or two terms. All modules are examined or assessed in the year in which they are taught: this means that at the end of the first year there are preliminary examinations, and that the final degree class is determined by the examinations taken in the second and third year.

C: REQUIREMENTS AND RESTRICTIONS

This section contains important information for setting up your academic programme at Durham University. Please read through this section carefully before considering your modules and filling in the Learning Agreement

C1: General

Choice of Modules

IMPORTANT NOTE FOR STUDENTS: PLEASE READ BEFORE COMPLETING YOUR LEARNING AGREEMENT

At Durham University Erasmus agreements are signed by individual university departments and are not university-wide agreements. This means that, in general, students will have to choose modules (courses) within the Durham

University department through which the Erasmus agreement with their home university has been signed (students should check with the Erasmus Coordinator in their university if they are not sure which department this is). Erasmus students can only gain places and modules which still have availability after places have already been awarded to internal students: this means that several popular modules can become quickly over-subscribed and have no spaces left. Often the availability of certain modules only becomes clear in the week before the start of term, and so we ask the Erasmus students to be patient while we try our hardest to allocate you among the remaining courses.

Modules offered by other departments are subject to availability and can only be taken with prior consent from the relevant department. Certain restrictions may also apply to courses in some departments and students need to follow the advice below carefully before completing their Learning Agreements.

Please clearly indicate the modules you wish to take on your Learning Agreement (included in your application package) for approval by the respective department(s). Before completing your Learning Agreement, it is very important that you read carefully the relevant departmental section(s) of the ECTS Handbook to check which modules are available to you and any restrictions which may apply. It is imperative that a properly completed Learning Agreement is submitted as part of the application form. Only complete applications can be processed. When you arrive in Durham you will be invited to a meeting in the Department where you will be asked to sign up to modules if you were not able to take the ones requested on your Learning Agreement. This will give you an opportunity to meet with the Erasmus Coordinators and speak to them one-to-one about Durham and the Department.

Section *D: Module Details* provides a list of modules available for Erasmus students in the department where the agreement has been established (receiving department) as well as a list of modules available for students coming in through other departments (external departments). Please choose from these modules only!

To find out about the details for each module (teaching methods and contact hours, prerequisite academic background, method of assessment, content, etc.) please refer to the module regulations to see which modules will be

running in 2023/24, the regulations for the V100 History programme have all modules which are running in 2023/24 listed: [v100.pdf \(dur.ac.uk\)](#)

C2: Departmental Requirements and Restrictions

The History Department admits both Erasmus students coming to Durham through its own links and, **subject to places still being available**, those coming in through other departments. Erasmus students from other departments may take a **maximum** of **two** modules in History subject to places still being available.

Please note, however, that the department only accepts Erasmus students on full-year exchanges!

Some of the history modules are taught by lecture and seminar throughout the year; several others, especially at level 2, are taught in a much more concentrated way in just one term (short-fat modules). This intensive form of teaching means that students should not expect to do more than two such courses maximum in a term, since it will otherwise be too intensive.

Erasmus students are mainly encouraged to take level 1 modules, but if the Erasmus student has a good level of English Language and prior experience of studying History (e.g. their home university degree is History based) then they can take level 2 modules and occasionally they can be considered for a level 3 single module too, but these modules are conceptually challenging and historiographically dense. The level 1 Making History module, level 2 Conversations modules and level 3 Special Subjects are closed to Erasmus students.

In history we try our very best to match students with their desired courses, but there is huge pressure on places, and module availability varies according to staff, and so we ask our incoming students to be flexible.

Erasmus students are assessed in the same way as any other Durham undergraduate. This means some courses at level 2 will be assessed entirely one summative essay of 3,000 words and a 1000 word assignment; otherwise modules will typically consist of a summative essay and an examination.

D: MODULE DETAILS

This section contains a list of modules ERASMUS students can choose from. Please only select from the modules listed in sections D1 or D2 in the ECTS Handbooks for each subject!

To find further details for each module (teaching methods and contact hours, prerequisite academic background, method of assessment, content, etc.) please refer to the module regulations using the following link: <https://www.dur.ac.uk/resources/faculty.handbook/degrees/frameworks/v100.pdf>. **Please note that the list of available modules is provisional and subject to change.** We will do our best to allow students onto modules of their choice, but this may not always be possible and cannot be confirmed until registration in October of the year of entry.

D1: Modules available to all ERASMUS students

YEAR 1 (The following modules run all academic year, and include one summative essay 2000 words and one 2 hour exam)

MODULE CODE	MODULE TITLE	ECTS
HIST1661	CONNECTED HISTORIES: EARLY MODERN EUROPE, C.1450-1750	10
HIST1641	DECLINE AND CRISIS? EUROPE 1300-1500	10
HIST1541	MODERN TIMES: A CULTURAL HISTORY OF EUROPE 1860-1960	10

HIST1651	IMAGINING EAST ASIA IN THE MODERN WORLD	10
HIST1691	THE ATLANTIC ARCHIPELAGO	10
HIST1681	POWER IN AFRICA	10
HIST1281	WARS AND WELFARE: ENGLISH SOCIETY, 1900-1945	10
HIST1611	THE RISE AND FALL OF AMERICAN SLAVERY, 1607-1865	10
HIST1701	TRANSFORMATIONS IN THE LATE ANTIQUE MEDITERRANEAN, C.300-C.700 CE	10
HISTL1XX	NEW SOUTH ASIA MODULE	

YEAR 2 (the following modules run termly, either in term one or term two. The modules in term one are assessed by a 3000 word summative essay and 1000 word assignment, and the modules in term two are assessed by a 2000 word essay and 2 hour exam. We would not recommend taking more than two per term)

MODULE CODE	MODULE TITLE	ECTS
HIST2931	THE BOOK OF HOURS IN MEDIEVAL LIFE AND ART (TERM 1, MEDIEVAL)	10
HIST2951	ROBIN HOOD (TERM 1, MEDIEVAL)	10
HIST21G1	POLITICAL AUTHORITY AND COMMUNITY IN MEDIEVAL EGYPT C.900-C.1500 (TERM 1, MEDIEVAL)	10
HIST21H1	A 'PURE' LAND? GENDER, CASTE AND COMMUNITY IN SOUTH ASIA, C. 1750-1950 (TERM 1, MODERN)	10
HIST20B1	CRIME AND CULTURE IN EARLY MODERN EUROPE (TERM 1, EARLY MODERN)	10
HIST2201	MODERN CHINA'S TRANSFORMATIONS (TERM 1, MODERN)	10
HIST20P1	WILDLIFE CONSERVATION IN AFRICAN HISTORY (TERM 1, MODERN)	10
HIST20S1	BLACK BRITISH HISTORY (TERM 1, LATE MODERN)	10
HIST21D1	ORAL HISTORY (TERM 1, LATE MODERN)	10
HIST2471	THE UNITED STATES AND THE COLD WAR (TERM 1, MODERN)	10
HIST21F1	ECONOMIC HISTORY OF SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA (TERM 1, MODERN)	10

HIST20M1	NEW HISTORIES OF AMERICAN PRISONS AND POLICING (TERM 1, MODERN)	10
HIST2641	CHINA, THE WEST AND THE REST: EXCHANGES, IDEOLOGY, AND PRACTICE IN LATE IMPERIAL CHINA (TERM 2, EARLY MODERN/LATE MODERN)	10
HISTL2XX	NEW EARLY MODERN AMERICA (TERM 2, EARLY MODERN)	10
HIST2871	NATIVE AMERICANS AND MINORITY RIGHTS IN THE US, 1914-2000 (TERM 2, MODERN)	10
HIST2351	MEMORY AND CONFLICT IN EUROPE (TERM 2, LATE MODERN)	10
HIST21E1	HERETICS AND INQUISITORS IN THE LATE MIDDLE AGES (TERM 2, MEDIEVAL)	10
HIST2501	THE WORLD WE HAVE LOST? FAMILY AND HOUSEHOLD IN EUROPE, C.1600-1914 (TERM 2 EARLY MODERN/LATE MODERN)	10
HIST2541	ELDERS, DESPOTS, MODERNISERS: REIMAGINING THE STATE IN NORTHEAST AFRICA (TERM 2, MODERN)	10
HIST20C1	GENDER AND SEXUALITY DURING BRITAIN'S LONG TWENTIETH CENTURY (TERM 2, LATE MODERN)	10
HIST20E1	LAW AND ORDER IN THE BARBARIAN KINGDOMS C.500-800 AD (TERM 2, MEDIEVAL)	10
HIST20D1	THE NAZI DICTATORSHIP: CULTURE AND SOCIETY (TERM 2, MODERN)	10
HISTL2MP	NEW UKRAINE MODULE (TERM 2, MODERN)	10

YEAR 3 (The following modules run all academic year, and include one summative essay 3000 words and one 2 hour exam)

MODULE CODE	MODULE TITLE	ECTS
HIST3471	FACISM/ANTI-FACISM	10
HIST3461	EMPIRES AND STATES IN EARLY MODERN ASIA: NOMADS, SLAVES, SCHOLARS, RULERS	10

HIST30D1	HEALTH, WEALTH AND HAPPINESS: INVESTIGATING STANDARDS OF LIVING AND WELLBEING IN THE PAST	10
HIST35A1	THE METROPOLIS: URBAN HISTORIES OF MODERN EUROPE, C.1790-1990	10
HIST30L1	GOD, GUNS, AND GLOBALIZATION: A HISTORY OF RELIGION IN AFRICA	10
HISTL3RC	OCCUPIED EUROPE (1938-1947)	10
HISTL3BC	CONSTRUCTING IDENTITIES: GENDER, SEXUALITY AND AGE IN ENGLAND	10
HISTL3HM	NEW MEDIEVAL	10